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SUBJECT: USG RESPONSE TO HAYA APPEAL

REF: (A) LIMA 7021 (B) LIMA 6803 (C) STATE 107845

1. DEPARTMENT CONCURS THAT A STATEMENT OF SUPPORT FOR PERU'S RETURN TO DEMOCRACY, AND AN EXPRESSION OF OUR WILLINGNESS TO COOPERATE WITH PERU AT THIS TIME OF ECONOMIC DIFFICULTY, ARE CALLED FOR AND WOULD BE USEFUL AT THIS JUNCTURE OF PERU'S POLITICAL EVOLUTION IN THE RETORNO PROCESS.

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2. THE STATEMENT BY MORALES BERMUDEZ IN HIS RECENT NATIONAL DAY MESSAGE (REF B), THAT PERU PLANS TO CONVOKE DEBT RESCHEDULING NEGOTIATIONS BY OCTOBER, GIVES US AN OPENING TO ISSUE SUCH A STATEMENT WITHOUT APPEARING TO INSERT THE USG UNDULY INTO PERUVIAN INTERNAL AFFAIRS. SUCH A STATEMENT COULD BE TAKEN AS MERELY A RESPONSE TO

REMARKS OF MORALES BERMUDEZ, AND WOULD BE BASED ON
PRESIDENT CARTER'S WRITTEN ASSURANCE TO HIM THAT THE USG
WAS PREPARED TO WORK WITH PERU ON RESCHEDULING (REF C).

3. ACCORDINGLY, AMBASSADOR IS AUTHORIZED TO MAKE PUBLIC
SUBSTANCE OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT IN A SPEECH, PRESS
RELEASE, OR BY ANY OTHER MEANS HE JUDGES APPROPRIATE.
MESSAGE FOLLOWS:

THE U.S. GOVERNMENT WOULD, OF COURSE, BE WILLING TO PARTI-
CIPATE IN A MULTILATERAL CONSIDERATION OF RESCHEDULING
PERU'S DEBT IF THE GOVERNMENT OF PERU BELIEVES THAT TO
BE THE BEST COURSE OF ACTION. IF PERU'S CREDITOR'S AGREE
THAT THE SITUATION WARRANTS DEBT RESCHEDULING, THE
UNITED STATES WOULD WORK FOR QUICK COMPLETION OF THE
NEGOTIATIONS.

4. IF AMBASSADOR BELIEVES IT WOULD BE HELPFUL AND WOULD
NOT BE MISINTERPRETED BY LEADING POLITICAL FIGURES, HE
MAY ALSO EXPRESS IN GENERAL TERMS CONTINUING U.S. SUPPORT
FOR RETURN TO DEMOCRATIC RULE, AND SATISFACTION OVER
ELECTION AND THE ORGANIZATION OF THE CONSTITUENT
ASSEMBLY. VANCE

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